GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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COMPLAINT REGARDING WATER SHED CONSTRUCTION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the complaints received by the Government regarding ongoing watershed construction in Gujarat;

(b) whether similar complaints have been received from other State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon, as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) Government of Gujarat has received a few complaints related to ongoing watershed projects and the State govt has taken action as per details enclosed at annexure -I

(b)to(d) The Department occasionally receives complaints on watershed projects in other States also. These complaints mainly relate to poor quality of works, misappropriation of funds, corruption etc. These complaints are forwarded to the State Government for detailed reports. In case, the complaints are serious, National Level Monitors are asked to evaluate the watershed projects for appropriate action. Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at State and District level are also constituted with a view to fulfill the objective of ensuring quality of expenditure under all the programmes of the Ministry.